

of Hartland, Vermont, a station for *Nephrodium Filix-mas*. It is a new fern not only for Vermont, but for New England; the nearest reported stations being at the eastern end of the Gaspé Peninsula, and the next nearest, in northern Michigan. In the Old World the plant is not uncommon, and for several centuries has been esteemed for certain medicinal properties. The specific name is that by which alone it was known before the binomial system of naming was adopted by Linnaeus,—“*Filix mas*,” the male-fern, being thus distinguished from “*Filix foemina*,” the lady-fern.

Miss Darling, at whose request this note is presented, reports that the Hartland station is some fourteen hundred feet above sea level, and nearly half a mile from any dwelling; so that the environment gives satisfactory evidence that the species is indigenous. The colony consisted of half a dozen plants in three small clumps; they were growing on rocky land, among paper birches.—EZRA BRAINERD, Middlebury, Vermont.

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NOTES ON TWO SPECIES OF SPOROBOLUS.—I collected *Sporobolus asper*, Kunth, September 12, 1903, near New Haven, Connecticut. It was found on a steep, rocky slope, where it grew in scattered tufts over an area of several square rods, and amid a profusion of taller grasses, which nearly concealed even the largest tufts. On September 12, 1905, it was in full bloom, and in better condition for collection than on the corresponding date two years before, and it seemed to be more abundant. The Illustrated Flora gives Delaware as the northern limit of the species, and this station appears to be the first one reported from New England. Specimens from this station have been verified by Mr. A. S. Hitchcock at the Herbarium of the Bureau of Plant Industry in Washington. I collected *S. neglectus*, Nash, September 12, 1903, near the above locality for *S. asper*, upon a long narrow bench of rock, where the soil was thin and dry. It was abundant here. These specimens have also been verified by Mr. Hitchcock.—R. W. WOODWARD, New Haven, Connecticut.

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THE VERMONT BOTANICAL CLUB held its 11th annual Winter Meeting at the University of Vermont, Burlington, January 17 and 18. Among the items of interest to students of plant distribution were the reports of the discovery of *Aspidium Filix-mas* at Harland by Miss